(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 5-12-90 from the All India Central Ground Water Board Employees Association, Varanasi, opposing the implementation of Multi Disciplinary Committee Report;

(b) if so, the details of the memorandum;

(c) whether it is a fact that the implementation of the recommendations of the Multi Disciplinary Committee would adversely affect the seniority and promotional prospects of ministerial staff of Central Ground Water Board;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the recommendations would undermine the collection of exploratory ground water data which is vital for construction of tubewells needed for country's agricultural development, and

(e) whether Government are reviewing the recommendations of the Multi Disciplinary Committee?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) A copy of the Memorandum dated 5-12-90 from All India Central Ground Water Board Employees Association, Varanasi, opposing the implementation of High Level Multi Disciplinary Committee Report has been received alongwith the letter dated 12-12-90 from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament addressed to the Union Minister of Water Resources & Surface Transport.

(b) The Secretary-General, Central Executive Committee, All India Central Ground Water Board Employees' Association, Faridabad, has requested not to entertain any letters received in the name of Branch Executive Committee, Varanasi, as the said Branch Executive Committee has been dissolved with effect from 6-12-90. Hence, no cognizance is being taken of the memorandum of the AICGWBEA, Varanasi.

(c) to (e) The report of the Multi-disciplinary Committee is still under examination.

Ground Water Level in Tamil Nadu

665 SHRI R. T. GOPALAN. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that ground water level is going down in some parts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme so that the ground water level can be quickly retrieved in those areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount given to Tamil Nadu during 1989-90 for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Central Government has not formulated any scheme for ground water retrieval in Tamil Nadu. The State Government has, however, been advised to take up Artificial Recharge Scheme within their plan.

Wild Life sanctuaries in the country

666. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) the number of wild life sanctuaries in the country at present, Statewise,

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for development of wild life sanctuaries during the Eighth Five Year Plan period, and